

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ronald "Coach" Heflin, Sr., the patriarch of high school basketball from Gary, IN and a fierce competitor on the basketball court and a gentle, affable soul in life.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION to honor the memory of
2 Ronald "Coach" Heflin Sr. the patriarch of high school
3 basketball from Gary, IN, a fierce competitor on the basketball
4 court and a gentle, affable soul in life.

5 *Whereas, Ronald "Coach" Heflin, Sr. was born on October*
6 *22, 1938 and passed away on March 30, 2015 at the age of 76;*

7 *Whereas, "Coach" was a lifelong resident of Gary, IN and*
8 *attended school in Gary from Kindergarten to his graduation*
9 *from Roosevelt High School in 1958;*

10 *Whereas, "Coach" attended Tennessee State University in*
11 *Nashville, TN, was a team member on the 1959 NAIA*
12 *Championship Basketball team, and received his Bachelor's*
13 *Degree in 1962;*

14 *Whereas, "Coach" later went on to obtain his Master's*
15 *Degree from Indiana University, Bloomington in 1970;*

16 *Whereas, after receiving his education, "Coach" returned*
17 *home to Gary, IN to serve for 38 years as a teacher and coach*
18 *with the Gary Community School Corporation. He holds the*



1 *record for the highest winning percentage of any basketball*
 2 *coach in the history of Gary, with his crowning achievement in*
 3 *1991 when Roosevelt won the state championship.*

4 *Whereas, "Coach" retired from coaching in 1997 after*
 5 *health issues left his voice permanently damaged;*

6 *Whereas, "Coach" was a father, friend, teacher, mentor*
 7 *and coach to all who knew and loved him. He was universally*
 8 *loved by his former players, who frequently returned to him for*
 9 *his counsel;*

10 *Whereas, "Coach" has three children: son, Ronald Heflin,*
 11 *Jr. (deceased), and two daughters, Kelly and Kristi Heflin; and*

12 *Whereas, Ronald "Coach" Heflin, Sr. was highly regarded*
 13 *throughout life for his gentle soul, hard work, and optimism*
 14 *and will be remembered and missed by many: Therefore,*

15 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
 16 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

17 SECTION 1. The Indiana Senate memorializes the full and
 18 honorable life of Ronald "Coach" Heflin, Sr.

19 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
 20 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Kelly Heflin, Kristi Heflin, and
 21 Corrinthia Bullock.

